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TAGS: EGEN, DR

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN ADAIR'S LETTER REGARDING CEA DOLLAR TRANSFER

REF : CROWLEY/SIMMS TELECON

1. EMBASSY OFFICER CONTACTED PORFIRIO BRITO, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF DOMINICAN SUGAR CORPORATION, CONCERNING PROBLEMS WHICH ORLEANS MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT CO. WAS HAVING IN GETTING PESO CHECK FOR PAYMENT OF INSURANCE CLAIM EXCHANGED FOR DOLLARS. BRITO SAID CEA DID NOT FEEL A DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS MATTER SINCE THE AFFAIR WAS REALLY BETWEEN THE SHIPPER (ORLEANS) AND THE INSURANCE COMPANY WHICH INSURED THE LOST SHIPMENT. HOWEVER, HE SAID CEA HAD BEEN DOING AND WOULD CONTINUE DOING ALL THAT WAS POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE THIS MATTER.

2. BRITO SAID SOME MONTHS AGO CEA OFFERED TO QUICKLY EXCHANGE PESO CHECK FOR DOLLARS IN THE LOCA PARALLEL MARKET, WHERE TRANSACTION WOULD COST ORLEANS 15 TO 16 PERCENT, BUT THAT ITS OFFERE WAS REFUSED. ACCORDING TO BRITO, ORLEANS AGENT, REED, SEEMED TO BELIEVE HE COULD EXCHANGE PESO CHECK IN UNITED STATES AND HE TOOK CHECK WITH HIM. SUBSEQUENTLY, REED SOUGHT CEA'S HELP IN GETTING CHECK EXCHANGED. BRITO SAID CEA RECENTLY HAD BEGUN PROCEDURES TO HAVE THE PESO EXCHANGED FOR DOLLARS. HE SAID DELAYS OF TWO TO THREE MONTHS WERE NORMAL FOR APPROVAL OF SUCH EXCHANGES, BUT THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO SPEED THE PROCESS.

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3. COMMENT: SINCE APPROVALS FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSACTION  
OF THIS TYPE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE CENTRAL BANK AND ULTIMATELY  
TO THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF, DELAYS OF THE LENGTH MENTIONED BY  
MR. BRITO ARE NOT UNUSUAL.  
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